

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1195  
By West

A RESOLUTION to commend Lauren Elizabeth Nickas for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Lauren Elizabeth Nickas is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for the House Consumer and Employee Affairs Committee under the supervision of Chairman Ben West, Vice-Chair Larry Turner, and Secretary Jim Hackworth; Ms. Nickas's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Chris and Ellen Nickas and the sister of Adam and Ashley Nickas, Ms. Nickas is a 2001 graduate of Houston High School where she coordinated public relations for the Student Government Association; won second place in the Statewide Speech Competition of the Tennessee Association of Student Councils; participated in the Spanish National Honor Society; and worked as the Editorial Assistant for *The Shelby Sun Times*; and

WHEREAS, currently a student at Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU), where she is highly regarded by her peers, Ms. Nickas has achieved academic success while pursuing a major in History and minors in Political Science and Latin American Studies; she is also an active participant in the Reformed University Fellowship and President of the Racquetball Club of MTSU; and

WHEREAS, before transferring to MTSU in the fall of 2002, Ms. Nickas attended the University of Southern Mississippi where she was a member of Alpha Delta Pi and served as a Junior Panhellenic Council Representative and as a Freshman Associate in the Student Government Association; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Ms. Nickas brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2004 session of the One Hundred Third General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2004 legislative session, Ms. Nickas has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern and has earned the unbridled respect of the members of the House Consumer and Employee Affairs Committee who regard her as the number one intern of the session; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Nickas has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Lauren Elizabeth Nickas for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Chairman Ben West and the House Consumer and Employee Affairs Committee and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.